

# **It's Harvest Time: Moving Beyond Sowing to Reaping God's Promises**

Have you ever felt frustrated after giving faithfully but not seeing the financial breakthrough you expected? You're not alone. Many believers understand the principle of sowing and reaping but struggle with actually harvesting what God has promised them.

## **Why Faith to Harvest Matters**

In Word of Faith and Charismatic circles, we often hear about giving and sowing seeds. We know the verses, understand the principles, and can quote the promises. But somewhere along the way, our faith can become detached from those promises.

The truth is, it takes faith to give, but it also takes faith to harvest. Many of us have the faith to write the check and put it in the offering plate, but we lack the faith to actively receive what God wants to give us back.

## **What Does It Mean to Put Your Hand to Something?**

Ecclesiastes 9:10 tells us, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might." This isn't just about working hard - it's about being diligent in everything we touch, knowing that God blesses the work of our hands.

When we're diligent in our jobs, faithful in our responsibilities, and excellent in our work, we create opportunities for God's favor to flow. We should be known as the best employees, the most reliable contractors, the most trustworthy business partners.

## **Excellence Opens Doors for Supernatural Favor**

Even without supernatural intervention, simply showing up on time, returning phone calls, and doing what you say you'll do puts you ahead of 90% of the workforce. Add God's supernatural favor to that foundation of excellence, and you become unstoppable.

Deuteronomy 28:8 promises that "The Lord will command the blessing for you in your barns and in everything that you put your hand to." Notice the phrase "put your hand to" - God blesses what we're actively doing, not what we're passively waiting for.

## **God Cares About the Process, Not Just the Promise**

God is just as interested in what happens inside you during the process as He is in getting you the promise. The Kingdom of God isn't just about being "blessed coming in and blessed going out" while your life falls apart in other areas.

True Kingdom living is the full gospel - your finances, your family, your character, your relationship with God, and your impact on others. It's a total package that draws people to Jesus, not just to your money.

## **The Danger of Unbalanced Prosperity**

When people only see financial blessing without the character and presence of God, they start focusing on the money instead of the Kingdom. We want to draw people to Jesus, not just impress them with our wealth.

The goal is for people to encounter God when they encounter us. This happens through spending time in prayer, walking in our authority as believers, and radiating the presence of the Holy Spirit.

## **Understanding the Harvest Process**

Mark 4:26-29 gives us a powerful picture of how the Kingdom works. A man sows seed, goes to sleep, and wakes up to find the seed has grown - but he doesn't know how. God does the growing, but when harvest time comes, the man must "immediately put in the sickle."

Many believers are missing their harvest because they don't have their sickle ready. They're not actively looking for ways God is trying to bless them or bring return on their giving.

## **Spiritual Warfare in the Harvest**

Harvesting isn't passive. It involves sending ministering spirits to bring in business, rebuking the devil from your finances, and actively calling in what belongs to you. As Kenneth Hagin taught, money isn't coming down from heaven - it's here on earth, and we need to exercise our authority to bring it in.

## **A Personal Testimony of Harvest Faith**

After experiencing a business downturn, instead of cutting back, the decision was made to sow a substantial seed. This seemed counterintuitive to natural thinking, but Kingdom principles operate differently than worldly wisdom.

Phone calls started coming in, estimates were submitted, but two major contracts fell through at the last minute. The temptation was to get discouraged, but instead, faith was exercised in the harvest process - sending angels to get business, rebuking the devil from finances, and declaring that tithers should get the contracts.

The result? A contract came in that was three times larger than the ones that were lost. God was more interested in teaching about harvesting than just providing the immediate need.

## **The Full Gospel Approach to Prosperity**

Isaiah 61:1-3 describes our anointing to bring good news to the humble, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim freedom to captives. This is the full gospel - meeting people's spiritual, emotional, and physical needs.

The worst nightmare for Satan is a Spirit-filled, Bible-believing believer with money in their pocket. Someone who can heal the sick, encourage the hopeless, AND financially bless others is a powerful weapon for the Kingdom.

## **A New Season of Grace**

We're entering a new season of God's grace - not just for giving, but for receiving and harvesting. This requires full gospel believers who will go anywhere, give any amount, and do anything the Holy Spirit calls them to do.

The key is balancing vision with "seek ye first the kingdom." Americans often have great vision and plans but lack the Kingdom-first mentality. When we truly seek God's Kingdom first, everything else gets sorted out.

## **Life Application**

This week, it's time to get your sickle out. Stop just sowing seeds and start actively harvesting what God has promised you. Be diligent in everything you put your hand to, exercise your spiritual authority over your finances, and look for ways God is trying to bless you.

Remember that you're called to be the full gospel - not just financially blessed, but radiating God's presence and meeting people's deepest needs. Spend time in prayer so you can come out of your prayer closet with confidence and authority.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I being diligent and excellent in everything I put my hand to?
- Do I have my "sickle" ready to harvest what God wants to give me?
- When people encounter me, do they see money or do they encounter God?
- Am I truly seeking God's Kingdom first, or am I focused primarily on my own increase?

It's harvest time. The question isn't whether God wants to bless you - it's whether you're ready to receive everything He has for you while being a blessing to others and advancing His Kingdom.